

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claims 1-5 and 11-15 are pending, claims 6-10 have been canceled herein.

1 1. (original) A method of controlling special playback modes of a video signal reproducing
2 apparatus, the method comprising the steps of:

3 determining whether the video signal reproducing apparatus is converted from a
4 predetermined mode to a normal playback mode;

5 determining whether a time, which is necessary for detecting program class data and
6 determining a class, lapses starting from a time when the predetermined mode is converted into the
7 normal playback mode; and

8 refusing a special playback key command for any of said special playback modes when the
9 time necessary for determining a program class has not lapsed.

1 2. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of refusing comprises a step of
2 displaying a message indicating that the special playback key command is refused.

1 3. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein a table of predetermined special playback key
2 commands is stored in a memory, interrupt is invoked when a command input before the time
3 necessary for determining a program class has lapsed corresponds to one among the commands in
4 the table, and the normal playback mode starts.

1 4. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the predetermined special playback key

command is a search key command, a slow key command or a still key command.

5. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the predetermined special playback key command is any command other than a normal playback command and a normal rewind command.

Claims 6-10 (canceled)

11. (original) A method of controlling special playback modes of a video signal reproducing apparatus, the method comprising the steps of:

selecting a permitted program class;

determining whether the video signal reproducing apparatus is converted from a predetermined mode to a normal playback mode after selecting said permitted program class, wherein said video signal reproducing apparatus generates a reproduced video signal from a recording medium during said normal playback mode;

starting a count operation when the predetermined mode is converted into the normal playback mode, said count operation generating count data;

detecting program class data embedded in said reproduced video signal;

determining whether a special playback key command for any of said special playback modes is input when said embedded program class data is not detected within a predetermined time period;

determining whether said time period has elapsed by comparing said count data to a predetermined count variable corresponding to said time period, when it is determined that said special playback key command is input; and

16 refusing said special playback key command for any of said special playback modes when
17 said time period has not elapsed.

1 12. (original) The method as set forth in claim 11, further comprising a step of:
2 repeating said detecting step when it is determined that said special playback key command
3 is not input.

1 13. (original) The method as set forth in claim 11, further comprising steps of:
2 displaying a message indicating that the special playback key command is refused; and
3 repeating said detecting step while displaying said message.

1 14. (original) The method as set forth in claim 11, further comprising steps of:
2 comparing program class data detected in said detecting step to said permitted program class
3 selected in said selecting step; and
4 blanking said reproduced video signal when it is determined that said detected program class
5 data is greater than said permitted program class.

1 15. (original) The method as set forth in claim 11, further comprising a step of:
2 performing the special playback mode corresponding to the input special playback key
3 command when it is determined that said time period has elapsed.